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Honorable Don Perata
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1368 (Perata) Support

Dear President pro Tempore Perata:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your SB 1368, which would require that any new, long-term financial commitment for a baseload electric resource be approved only if the resource complies with a State greenhouse gas emission standard. Your bill would apply this requirement equally to all providers of electric service: investor-owned utilities, direct access providers, community choice aggregators and municipal utilities.

By eliminating the availability of long-term funding, your bill would help ensure that the next generation of resources serving California meet the goals of the State to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By applying this requirement to all players in the electricity market, your bill would ensure a level playing field and universal compliance with State goals.

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your bill and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Appling, Director
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